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Tēnā koe Patrick

Thank you for your email of 27 April 2021 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information regarding the land Freeville School was built on:

- *I wish to request information describing the process by which this land was sold, and why there was no notification of its disposal to our family.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act (the Act).

We have made enquiries with the relevant Business Units and have determined that the information you have requested is not held by the Ministry. I have therefore transferred your request to Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) in accordance with section 14(b)(i) of the Act.

As you are aware, the Crown purchased this land on 21 September 1956 from your grandmother, Mary Catherine Ryan. A gifting check completed in 2015 noted that this property was subject to Nga Tahu Right of First Refusal Rights provisions as provided for under the Ngai Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998. A Preliminary notice of the Ministry's intention to dispose of the land was provided to Nga Tahu in accordance with this Act in the same year.

We are confident that LINZ will be able to provide you with the specific details that occurred following on from this process including if your family was contacted during the land disposal.

You may expect a response from LINZ directly concerning your request.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to [xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxriament.nz](mailto:xxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxriament.nz) or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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